

**Our First Meeting for 2021 is on 16 March, 7.30pm,
at St Ninians's, Newcombe Crescent**

**Happy New Year to all our members and friends. We would like to
welcome you all to hear more about our open day and the
history of 24 Hatton Street**



Our open day at 24 Hatton Street was a great success, with more than two hundred people looking through the property over the two hours we opened it to the public.

As well as sharing the house and grounds, we also received some new images of the house, as well as anecdotes and stories about its past.

Our president, Adrian Humphris, will present the history he uncovered on the house at our meeting on March 16. This will be expanded from the display material that was on show at the open day, to include new information we have found about the house and the surrounding neighbourhood.

We also welcome anyone to come along and share their stories or anecdotes about the house or its occupants, so we can continue to build on the history we are recording.

**Members and friends welcome
Supper will be served after the meeting; we look forward to seeing you**

December Meeting

At our December meeting Tony Messenger talked about his grandfather Arthur Herbert Messenger, born in New Plymouth in 1877. In 1885 the family moved down to Wellington, living in Cooper Street in Karori. Arthur attended Karori School and later the Terrace School. Sketching and painting was Arthur's love and he was rarely seen without his sketch book in hand. Tony started by describing the family emigrating and arriving in Taranaki, before leading a great recollection of time living in Karori. His talk was illustrated by a number of Arthur's sketches, as well as images of the family home in Karori.

Stockade

I'd like to apologise that this year's issue of Stockade is yet to arrive. I can let you know it is being edited and will be at the printers soon.

A reminder also that the Stockade does rely on the contributions of our members, so if you have a recollection, story or article you'd like to contribute please contact our wonderful editor Jo Elworthy (jo.elworthy101@gmail.com).

FRIENDS *of* KARORI CEMETERY

A reminder to you all that the Friends of Karori Cemetery are up and running and starting to expand their activities to include a wider selection of tours and the occasional working bee.

More information is available on their Facebook page or web site (<http://friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz/>).

Stay safe, take care, and we look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Adrian Humphris
President, Karori Historical Society